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SUBJ: CHINESE PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL

REF: LISBON 3162

1. REFTEL DRAWS ATTENTION TO PEKING'S FAILURE TO ESTABLISH MORE THAN A TOKEN PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL. IT IS TRUE THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LISBON WOULD AFFORD PEKING AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A GREATER PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL AND TO LODGE ANOTHER BLOW TO TAIWAN EFFORTS TO REMAIN DIPLOMATICALLY AFLOAT. GIVEN THE CURENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN LISBON, HOWEVER, PEKING SEES SOME RISKS IN FORMALIZING TIES WITH LISBON.

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2. PEKING NOT ONLY IS UNCERTAIN OF LISBON'S INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS THE PORTUGUESE ADMINISTERED ENCLAVE OF MACAU, BUT CLEARLY PREFERS MAINTENANCE OF THE POLITICAL STATUS QUO IN MACAU. LISBON, HOWEVER, HAS TENDED TO LINK TALKS LEADING TO DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF MACAU. CHINA'S DESIRE TO AVOID HAVING THE SUBJECT OF MACAU'S FUTURE BROUGHT IN TO QUESTION AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME IN LARGE PART ACCOUNTS FOR PEKING'S (PUBLIC) UNRESPONSIVENESS TO ANY LISBON OVERTURE.

3. MOREOVER, GIVEN THE INCREASED INFLUENCE OF THE PRO-MOSCOW COMMUNIST PARTY IN PORTUGAL, MOVES TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS COULD HAVE UNFAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS ON PRC INTERESTS IN ASIA. THE CHINESE PROBABLY ARE CONCERNED LEST THE PRO-SOVIET INFLUENCE IN PORTUGAL RESULTS IN LISBON'S ATTEMPTING TO EMBARRASS THE PRC OR IMPEL PEKING TO REASSERT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER MACAU (E.G., IN SPITE OF PRC PROTESTATIONS, LISBON COULD UNILATERALLY RETURN MACAU TO PRC AUTHORITIES OR APPROVE A SOVIET PRESENCE IN MACAU, THE LATTER BEING INTOLERABLE TO THE PRC.)

4. AS TO RELATIONS WITH PRO-CHINA COMMUNIST PARTIES, PEKING HAS TENDED TO BE HIGHLY SELECTIVE IN EXTENDING IT SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO SELF-STYLED "MAOIST" GROUPS. WHEN ACTIONS OR INTERESTS OF SUCH GROUPS RUN COUNTER TO PRC INTEREST, CHINA HAS BEEN KNOWN TO REPUDIATE OR IGNORE SUCH GROUPS. PEKING FAVORS A POLITICALLY STABLE AND UNIFIED WESTERN EUROPE AND LOOKS UPON INSTANCES OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY AS PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER SOVIET INROADS. THUS, THE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE SO-CALLED MAOIST GROUPS IN PORTUGAL DO NOT ACCORD WITH PRC INTERESTS AND ARE INDICATIVE OF PEKING'S INABILITY TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER GROUPS WHICH MAY CLAIM TO ESPOUSE MAOIST CONCEPTS.

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